Implementation of Schemes for Tribal Areas of Tamil Nadu

*419. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schems being implemented by Government in Tribal areas of Tamil Nadu for the development of tribals in the State; and

(b) the details of funds allocated to the State for these schemes during the last year, district-wise details particularly Kanyakumari district?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) Funds as indicated below have been released to the Government of Tamil Nadu under various schemes of this Ministry meant for welfare of tribals. The releases are made to the State and not district-wise by this Ministry.

Rs. in lakhs

Name of Scheme	Purpose	Amount
Special Central Assistance	For family oriented income generating schemes	238.81
Grant-in-aid under Art. 275 (1)	Strengthening of administration in Scheduled areas	63.00
Girls Hostel	Construction of tribal Girls Hostels	8.04
Boys Hostels	Construction of tribal Boys Hostels	35.24
Research & Training	Funds to Tribal Research Institutes etc.	9.30
NGO&	For taking up Tribal development projects	29.01
Post-metric Scholarships for SCs & STs	For higher studies	1817.74 *
Coaching & Allied Scheme for SCs & STs	Coaching/preparing SCs & STs students for competitive examination	3.69 *

*Figure is for SCs/STs together.

Shishu Grih Scheme for Orphan Children in Gujarat

*420. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Shishu Grih Scheme for orphan children in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this central scheme is being implemented through voluntary organisations in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures being undertaken by Government for the welfare of orphan children in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The scheme of Shishu Grih implemented by Government of India from 1992-93 is meant for promotion of in-country adoption of orphaned, abandoned, destitute and neglected children. The financial assistance is provided to voluntary organisations for maintenance of children of the age group of 0-6 years for their placement with Indian families through adoption, as per provisions of the scheme.

Financial assistance to meet the recurring and non-recurring expenditure to the extent of 90% of the total expenditure is provided to voluntary organisations and the remaining 10% thereof is borne by each organisation itself, as per provisions of the scheme.

In Gujarat four voluntary organisations have set up 4 Shishu Grih, who are availing grants under the scheme.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The details are given as at (a) and (b) above.

(e) As far as Ministry of Welfare

Government of India is concerned there is no other measures being undertaken in the Gujarat for orphaned children.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Incidents of Land Subsidence in Coal Fields

3029. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether incident of land subsidence is taking place in several coal fields;

(b) if so, the details of such cases that have come to the notice of Government during the preceding three years;

(c) the estimated loss of human lives and property on account of these incidents; and

(d) the details of steps taken/contemplated to provide proper safety to the people working and living around the coal mining belts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The problem of unplanned subsidence is mainly confined to Raniganj and Jharia coalfields of West Bengal and Bihar respectively.

There have been 25 incidents of subsidence in the above areas during the last three years *i.e.* 1994-95 and 1996, Year-wise and company-wise break-up of incidents of subsidence are given as under:-

Year	ECL	BCCL
1994	8	1
1995	4	6
1996	4	2
Total	16	9

(c) The incidents of subsidence did not result in any loss of life. However, there had been some damage to the property as per details given below:—

Eastern Coalfields Limited

(i) A kutcha hutment was partially damaged in Pandaveswar area in 1994.

(ii) A small wall was damaged in Satgram Incline in 1995.

(iii) Company's sub-station was affected in Jambad OC in 1996.

(iv) 24 company's quarters were partially damaged in Naba Kajora in 1996.

Bharat Coking Coal Limited

(i) 3 unauthorised kutcha houses developed cracks at East Katras in January, 1995.

(ii) 60 company's quarters were damaged at Bagdigi Colliery in August, 1995.

(iii) 3 company's quarters were damaged at Bansdeopur Colliery in August, 1995.

(iv) 22 dwellings and 350 quarters were affected at Loyabad Colliery in February, 1995.

(v) 400 company's quarters and Agent's Office were affected at Industry Colliery in May, 1995.

(vi) 346 houses were affected at East Bhuggatdih in March, 1996.

(vii) 219 unauthorised private houses in Chouthai Kulhi area of Central Jharia at East Bhuggatdih developed cracks in October, 1996.

(d) Some of the steps taken to protect people living over the subsidence prone areas in Jharia and Raniganj coalfields are given below;

(i) Wherever feasible, action is taken to stabilise unstable underground working under the built-up area;

(ii) To establish an innovative technology of hydropenumatic sand stowing, fields trials are being carried out in 5 localities to stabilise water-logged underground working under the built-up area;

(iii) Delineation of water-logged unserveyed underground voids has been examined through a number of research and development projects;

(iv) The concerned coal companies have been publishing appeals in local newspapers informing the residents about the unstability of the underground workings below the built-up area and requesting them to vacate;

(v) Regular follow-up and liaison with the District Authorities and local MPs/MLAs is maintained for evacuation of people from areas declared unsafe;

(vi) With a view to solving the problem of subsidence and fire in Raniganj and Jharia